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GRADIENT COIL ASSEMBLY OF A NUCLEAR MAGNETIC
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

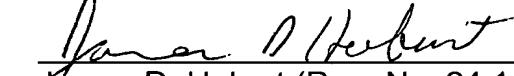
REMARKS

Attached herewith is a copy of a Search Report from the British Patent Office for the corresponding British application Search Report that is dated January 30, 2004. In the search report, U.S. Patent 6,107,779 was cited in category X. It is noted that this U.S. Patent had been presented to the Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on or about October 27, 2003. In addition to that reference, EP 0269146A2 and EP 0176391A were cited in category A. Copies of those two references are attached herewith. Also attached herewith is U.S. Patent 4,633,708, which claims priority from the same French application as EP 0176391A.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the search report and since no action on the merits has been issued, it is submitted that no government fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97b.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are patentable over these two European references and the additional U.S. Patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate
	AA	4,633,708	01/06/1987	Blommaert			
	AB						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	AL	EP 0176391A	02/04/1986	Europe			See AA above	
	AM	EP 0269146	01/06/1988	Europe				
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